Judge-population ratio in the country

1283. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that judge-population ratio in the country is the lowest i.e. only two judges for every 15 lakhs of population;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Law Commission had suggested an increase in the number of judges; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/porposed to be taken to improve the ratio ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c) The Law Commission in its 120th Report had, among others, recommended that the present strength of 10.5 Judges per million population be increased to 50 Judges per million population. The report has been circulated to all the State Governments/UT Administration. So far as the recommendations relating to High Courts are concerned, it has been decided not to accept the proposal to increase Judge-strength only on the basis of population.

Pending cases before the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court

1284. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases of all types and categories pending before the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court;

(b) the estimated number of cases disposed of by this bench yearly; and

(c) what proposals Government have considered to get this arrears of cases disposed of at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects have been commended to all concerned State Governments/High Courts including the Allahabad High Court for necessary follow-up action. As per the decision taken in the Law Ministers Conference held in October, 1992 at Bangalore, three working groups of the State Law Ministers have been constituted to suggest measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the Arrears Committee so as to expedite the disposal of pending cases in the Courts.

Election to the National Capital Assembly (Delhi)

1285. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a demand put forth by the political parties recently to hold election in Delhi;

(b) by when election in Delhi are likely to be held; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in holding the elections in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The Government has not recently received any representation from any political party to hold elections in Delhi;

(b) and (c) The work relating to preparation of electoral rolls has not yet been completed. It is therefore not possible, at present, to indicate the likely dates of elections in Delhi.

गुजरात के न्यायालयों में दुर्घटना दावा संबंधी मामले

1286. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में जिला न्यायालयों तथा उच्च न्यायालयों में कितने दुर्घटना दावा संबंधी मामले निपटानार्थ विचाराधीन हैं; और

(ख) इन मामलों का शीघ्र निपटान करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?